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REMARKS

Claims 17-24 are pending. Claims 17-24 stand rejected. Claims 17 and 18 have been amended for clarity by specifying the polyol compounds. Support for this amendment is found at p. 5, lines 16-18 of the present application. Accordingly, no new matter is introduced with these amendments.

Reply to the Rejection of Claims 17-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd Paragraph

Claims 17-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph as being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner states –

The negative limitation for component (A) recited in Claims 17-18 is indefinite as the court held that the limitation “R is an alkenyl radical other than 2-butenyl and 2,4-pentadienyl” was a negative limitation that rendered the claim indefinite because it was an attempt to claim the invention by excluding what the inventors did not invent rather than distinctly and particularly pointing out what they did invent. In re Schechter, 205 F.2d 185, 98 USPQ 144 (CCPA 1953). See MPEP 2173.05(i). Applicants are advised to specify the polyol(s) set forth in the specification (pages 5, lines 16-18).

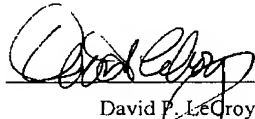
Claims 17 and 18 have been amended for clarity by specifying the polyol compounds as noted by the Examiner. Support for this amendment is found at p. 5, lines 16-18 of the present application.

It is believed that these amendments overcome the Examiner's rejection of claims 17-24 for indefiniteness. Withdrawal, therefore, of this rejection is respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims is believed to be in order, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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